

THE MAIL.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 1896.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

A part from the political aspect of public matters altogether, it appears to us the electors of Canada ought to give more attention than they do to what is going on from year to year in the legislatures of this country. Generally speaking the only distance the average reader goes in the consideration of these things, is to ascertain how far his political friend has succeeded in raking up charges against and puncturing the reputation of his political opponents, thus creating party ascendancy the height of his ambition. This should not be so. If an elector hires an assistant, while he has a passing interest in the politics of that assistant, his chief object is to see what services he secures for the money he pays him. In our mind the electors ought to look at the services of representatives in the same way. The past year's government at Ottawa cost the Canadian people some \$38,000,000, or \$7.72 per head, every head of a family of 5 contributing \$38, and there appears to be but little concern among the people as to where the money has gone. If you pay \$38 to a farm hand, a mechanic or a merchant, you are very anxious to see his efforts to know what you have for your money; but when it comes to government expenditures, the average elector has but little concern. If his is the dominant party, and they rake up the records of their opponents well, the average elector appears to be well satisfied. Now, we repeat this should not be the case. Our public debt created by the assumption of the debts of the provinces at confederation, in lieu of sources of revenue transferred by them to the central governments and the construction of public works since, now amounts to about \$250,000,000 costing about \$11,000,000 in interest, and about \$5,000,000 a year in subsidies to the provinces, which are fixed charges that must be paid no matter what party is dominant for the time being in the country, and it is useless to criticise the payment. It may be that some of the items constituting this debt were not at the time of their creation fully warranted, or might have been much smaller, for the work done, than they were; but as they are now a thing of the past and entail a fixed charge on our revenue, it is useless to question their propriety or expediency at the date of their creation—it would only be a cry after split milk. The question is to deal in the future with what we can control.

Taking out these two fixed charges there is a sum of \$22,000,000 still remaining—paid out for legislation, civil service, collection of revenues, as subsidies, &c., &c. The all important question is how far can they be reduced without introducing inefficiency, or if the payments are retained how better can the affairs of the country be managed, for the expenditures? These are the two questions of vital importance to the electors, and if they would take them up for consideration and drop their squabbling over party triumphs, they would be infinitely the gainers in the end. It fact it is only here where a profit can come in—it can never result from party gratification. It should be the study of all to effect reforms in the line of economy.

To commence our House and Cabinet representation should be reduced. With a population of 40,000,000 Great Britain has but 630 representatives in the House and 18 Cabinet Ministers, and the United States with 60,000,000 of people have but 8 of the latter. In Canada then we have nearly three times the representation in the House, and about seven times the representation in the Cabinet, that Great Britain has, and twenty-five times the latter that the United States has. Now, does it not appear evident to a thinking man that our Constitution ought to be changed to effect these reductions. Our parliament as constituted costs \$10,000 a day every day it sits, when with representation on the basis of what it is in Great Britain need not cost us half that money. We are paying at least \$50,000 a year more for Cabinet representation than we ought to, as any one minister could readily take charge of any two of the portfolios, merely distributing his work as done at present to deputy heads. This might reduce the hold of the dominant party somewhat on the country, but no one will say that would be any serious loss. The Senate could well be abolished, or at least reduced to half its present numbers and made elective. By such a change \$125,000 a year more would be saved, and a body placed in position that would have some regard for popular requirements. The \$150,000 paid annually to lieutenant-governors could be saved by placing their duties and about \$8,000 a year, in the hands of the Chief Justices of the Provinces.

HOW, NOW.

As the present House at Ottawa will be dissolved to-morrow, Friday, and the General elections will be held in June; it is time the friends in Manitoba of proper government were put-

ting on their thinking caps. It is generally felt the best results cannot be expected from the rank partisanship that has grown up in Canada in the past few years in certain quarters. There was a time in the history of the great Conservative party when its name meant progress and political rectitude, and its opposition was conducted on well defined principles; but all this appears to be changed and squabbling for office to make the most out of it for themselves and friends, appears now to be the ruling aim of the leaders of the two old parties. In any country under any such circumstances, the general public, the tax payers of the state have got to be the greatest sufferers. What are the people of western Manitoba now going to do about it?

The masses of the Canadian people know about \$22,000,000 a year are spent in government, and much of it wasted in jobbery, indefensible contracts, useless officials, high salaries, &c., &c., and to turn out the present government and supplantment them by the Liberals unqualifiedly would only be to transfer for the most part the waste from one party to the other, with some variations. To our mind the only hope is in strengthening the other elements in the House. It is safe to say that but for the blocking of Dalton McCarthy and the Conservatives who worked with him the present session—Aldon, Sproule, Wallace, McNeil, McLean, &c., &c., Manitoba at this moment would be saddled with the Remedial school law and the endless litigation that would follow. Strengthen these representatives in the House and successful attacks will next be made on high tariffs, boondoggling contracts, excessive civil service expenditures, &c. They are not in quest of office themselves as a party, and have therefore, no dread of censure from political hangers on such as office seekers always have, their only object is the welfare of the country, without any concern for party. An opposition man of to-day coming into office to-morrow has his opposition economy cries held before him but is blinded by the importunities of friends. Those who have no desire for office, and no hope of getting it if they had, are saved from importunities, and influenced alone by the well-being of the state. Under all the circumstances, it is quite desirable that all the electors of this Northwest who desire to see greater independence of parliament should be on the move and getting ready for emergencies. We believe Mr. Dalton McCarthy would come to this country and deliver a series of addresses if invited to do so, and it is not outside the range of possibilities he might even contest the Brandon division if asked to do so.

Clapp & Co., bankers and brokers, of New York, who are supposed to be good authority on the wheat question, in a late circular gave the lie direct to those who say protection is of no service to the Canadian farmer. They put down the home demand for wheat of Canada at 38,000,000 bushels, and the total yield of last year at \$7,460,000, leaving 19,460,000 for export. As the Northwest exported more than that quantity it is clear the eastern provinces do not grow enough for consumption, and have to import from some quarter. As a matter of fact carriage from Minnesota and others of the American states is less than from our Northwest, so on the principle of people buying in the cheapest market, our eastern provinces would import from the States what they require to make up their deficiency, if our duties allowed them to do so. Our duties compel them to buy Manitoba wheat, and to this extent the duty on wheat is a service to the Manitoba farmer. In admitting this much it must not be taken for granted we are willing to condone the extravagances of the Federal government, and the taxation of implements, twine, &c. to make up the money to spend that way. In turn for a reasonable protection on wheat and flour the Manitoba farmer would not object to 5 per cent or some such duty on implements, &c., but more than this is a wanton burden in the interest of manufacturing monopolists.

We wonder how Pecksniff of Parochial school fame feels now over his prophecy of three weeks ago. After the second reading of that disjunct "What do-you-call-it," yeckle the Remedial Bill he declared the thing was virtually law, as the third reading was "only a matter of form" and Sir McKenzie stood proudly "at the helm of the ship of state," like a Spanish gladiator or Alexander the Great when he was searching for another world to conquer. We would like to ask him what he now thinks of the ship of state to say nothing of the helm and the "helmster." Come, Robinson, what about that ship of state and the value of your prophetic genius? Do you think the latter is most invaluable to the Conservative party? Is it in reality worth the cost of those coats of Arms advertisements that hold you in the ranks of the party? The public would like to know something about this, you know.

The public would like to know what the Remedial Bill has remedied. It has not even cured the ardor of Mr. Daly the gentleman who introduced it.

Hon. Mr. Laurier is accused of thanking God there were no Orangemen in his ranks, and Sir Chas. Tupper is charged with saying he had no confidence in "the breed"—the Roman Catholics. It is hardly likely either of the gentlemen made use of the expression credited to him. It would be difficult to make a good showing in Canada if both the Catholics and the Orangemen were removed, to please certain parties.

WITHDRAWN.

After the withdrawal of the Remedial Bill at Ottawa on Wednesday night, and the government declared they would make it an issue at the polls, Mr. Davin made the following remarks which so nearly hit the matter squarely that we reproduce them. The only mistake Davin made was in not making this speech when the bill was first introduced and sticking to the sentiments:

Mr. Davin, speaking the sentiments of the Northwest with respect to the measure, said if it was to be on the banner of the Conservatives at the elections, he would not be found fighting under it. He had voted for the second reading of the bill because the appeal of the minority and remedial legislation was on the constitution, but at the same time he held that Manitoba should be left to deal with the matter. Like the Sabbath the constitution was made for the people and not the people for the constitution. He laid down the proposition that the remedy of a grievance must be proportionate to the grievance. It was better that the people of Canada pause before sanctioning a remedy that would be worse than the disease sought to be cured. It was not right that the country be cleaved in two by a grievance that was more sentimental than real. Manitoba would never tamely submit to the enforcement of the provisions of the bill. The provision for public money for separate schools implied that there would be a Dominion department of education which would not be tolerated by any party in Canada, much less than in Manitoba. If the government went to the country on the bill there would be a large majority returned against them. Instead of being two parties there would be three and interruption of important legislation would be frequently witnessed. The proposal made by Hon. Messrs. Cameron and Sifton, if it had been accepted, would have remedied the only real grievance that the minority had. The government had reared two large superstructures on a narrow foundation which would not support it. The bill imperiled the prosperity and safety of the country and good feeling among the people. The bill, if ever brought before parliament, would always be obstructed. With respect to the bill it

self it showed no signs that it had been created by a capable draftsman. There was no gothic architecture here and Roman there. No complete whole or systematic idea. The policy of remedial legislation was not statesman-like, was unequalled for not commensurate with the grievances complained of and could only be carried out by forcing into the constitution a principle ruinous to the Conservative party and inimical to Canada.

LAI'D TO REST.

The funeral of the late Sir John Schultz took place at Winnipeg on Monday last. The following is the Nor-Western report of the order of procession:

At 2:15 o'clock Ven. Archbishop Fortin, to whose congregation the deceased belonged, read the first half of the burial services of the church of England in the legislative chamber, after which the procession was formed as pre-arranged. When the entire procession was in motion the following is the order in which it was seen:

Marshalls.
City Police Force,
City Fire Brigade.
Band.
Military.
Masonic Order.
Pail bearers and Mounted Escort.
Hearse.
Pail bearers and Mounted Escort.
Chief Mourner.
His Hon. the Lieut-Governor.
Judges.
Foreign Consuls.
Senators and Members of the House of Commons.
The Provincial Government.
The Hon. the Speaker.
Members and Ex-Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Dominion Civil Service.
Provincial Civil Service.
Members of the City Council of Winnipeg.
His Worship the Mayor of St. Boniface.
Members of the City Council of St. Boniface.
Winnipeg Board of Trade.
The Bar.
The Medical Profession.
The Council of the University.
Educational Institutions.
National and Benevolent Society.
Citizens on Foot.
Citizens in Carriages.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

COURT OF REVISION.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the City of Brandon for the current year has been deposited in the office of the Secretary Treasurer for the City of Brandon. That said Assessment Roll will remain open for fourteen days for inspection at said office for fourteen days.
That parties desiring to complain against the Assessment Roll must lodge their complaints in the office of the Assessor within the fourteen days next after the return of said Roll.
That the Council will sit as a Court of Revision on the 7th day of May A. D. 1896 at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. in the Council Chamber in the City of Brandon to examine said Assessment and hear all complaints in connection with same.
Dated at the City of Brandon this 22nd day of April A. D. 1896.
J. B. Whitehead,
Secretary for the City of Brandon.

BIRTHS.

On Easter Sunday, the wife of Geo. Medd, of a daughter.

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Window Shades, complete on spring roller, 37 inches wide, 6 feet long, 25c.; Curtain Poles with Brass Trimmings, 25c.

See our Special Lace Curtains, white and cream, 54 inches wide, 3 yards long, beautiful design, 90c. a pair, easy worth \$1.50.

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OF MARRIAGE
LICENSES.

LOCAL NEWS.

F. Nation spent some days in Winnipeg last week.

The Souris races are to be held on the 1st and 2nd of June.

E. Cuthbert, of Hartney, spent some days in the city last week.

It now looks as if a good sized South African war is a certainty.

Mr. Wiswell is local agent of the Manitoba Fire Insurance Co.

Mr. McKinnon is making some important improvements in the Palace hotel.

S. V. Edgar has bought the Johnson farm 3 1/2 miles south of the city at \$2,000.

There is some talk of Parish & Lind rebuilding the old Bower block recently burned down.

The singing of Miss McPaul in the Presbyterian church was admired by all listeners.

There was but a short sitting of the city council on Monday and nothing but routine work done.

Upwards of 60 cars of cattle from the east passed west last week for the canchies near Calgary.

Come, Robinson, tell us what you think of "that helm of the ship of state" and parochial schools.

Mr. J. S. Ewart won't "interview" on the school question now. He appears to have got too much of it.

W. E. Crawford, jeweler, Hartney, is making a steam engine all complete that will not be over three inches in length.

John E. Smith, this city, has been by the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, appointed a vice-president for Manitoba.

Dr. Fleming is going to lecture in the Congregational church on the evening of the twenty-third, on "The signs of the times."

Hanbury & McNea report no astonishing rush at their planning mill this spring but a steady jobbing trade in ordinary work.

Mr. John Forsting has been visiting in the city before removing to St. Catharines, Ont., to take up his permanent residence there.

At the meeting of the Synod of Rupert's Land at Winnipeg last week \$200 was voted to the rector at Brandon to work up adjacent places.

It is said the next meeting of parliament will be on the 23rd of July so the present bill costing three-quarters of a million of dollars is for nothing.

Trott & Trotter, this city, are preparing to pay the highest price in cash for a number of sound young horses in weight from 1,250 to 1,500 pounds.

Thirty-five patients in the hospital, Mrs. Towers is recovering, and Mrs. Fenwick of Oak River has gone home recovered. Mr. Russell and Miss Douglas, of Douglas, are recovering.

Capt. Clark is re-organizing the city brass band. We have plenty of talent here for one of the best bands in the country if it is only brought out, and the band encouraged when in existence.

Mrs. E. A. Robison, who advertises a new millinery business in Miss Scott's old stand, in this issue, will be opening in a few days with all the latest things in her line from the most fashionable centres.

It is said the Rev. Mr. Williams who has assisted the Rev. Mr. Harding here for some time in the charge of St. Matthews, has been appointed to the charge at Moosemin, and will shortly remove there.

Our implement dealers, one and all, say they sold a third more goods this spring than they did last, and received relatively 40 per cent. more cash, all of which goes to show the country is making good progress.

In the appeal case of Scott vs. the Imperial Loan company, which was tried at the assizes here, a verdict has been given for the company on the ground the tax sale at which Scott bought was held irregularly.

It is reported Hugh Sutherland is going on with the Hudson's Bay R.R. that he will be letting contracts till after the elections are over. This is one of the disgusting features of Canadian political fakery on the eve of elections.

The Brandon machine works are offering good inducements in bicycles.

The first of May will be arbor day, that is if the snow is off the ground by that date.

The Federal elections will be held probably in June on the lists revised a year ago.

J. D. Cavanagh, of Elkhorn, was in city last week delivering several carloads of cattle.

It is said that there are 4,000,000 bushels of wheat unmarketed in the Canadian Northwest.

The government fish hatchery at Credit Forks has been destroyed and with it about two million fry.

The football clubs of Forrest and Glendon have amalgamated their forces and will now put forward a strong team.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell is going to retire to private life. Had he done so two years ago the Conservative party would not now be in its present predicament.

E. F. Clark is going to contest West Toronto as an anti-remedial Conservative candidate. If the Conservatives of the Northwest want to hold the party together let them put up anti-remedial candidates in all the constituencies.

Dr. Hall of Oak River, has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits, J. B. Mathers, of Glendon, a J. P., J. P. Rogers, a guardian at the Brandon asylum, Geo. Thomas, this city, a holder inspecting, C. Campbell, Cartwright, a commissioner.

Sometimes they take up the wrong chap. The other night at a late hour policeman Hanna followed a man he saw coming out of a business place. When he overtook him he found he was the proprietor and considered an arrest unnecessary.

It would not be amiss if our city council would correspond with the interested parties of the Dauphin road and ascertain what Brandon can do about it. It would be a question to the place, and the place could be made of good service to the Dauphinites.

Mr. Grimstone, of Brandon, a Hebrew peddler, stepped from No. 1 express at Oak Lake about twelve o'clock Sunday night while the train was in motion and slipped under the train, sustaining injuries which have resulted in the loss of a foot. Mr. Grimstone was brought back on No. 2 to Brandon and taken to the hospital where the limb was amputated. He is a married man.

F. McKee living south of the city put an advertisement of stray colts on his farm in the Mail last week for two weeks. He paid for the advertisement after one insertion saying an Alexander reader of the paper came and got the colts. The Mail is read by one half the people within a radius of one hundred miles of the city.

On Monday a large band of cattle was gathered into town by Mr. McGregor, who had bought them from the surrounding district, and on Tuesday morning the whole herd, about 300 in number, were driven out en route for Mr. McGregor's ranch at Oak Lake. The majority of them were lean, and young stock to be fattened during the summer. —Glenboro Gazette.

The Mission Band concert in the Baptist church Friday night was largely attended. The drilling of the young vocalists was done for the most part by Miss Sinclair and Mrs. G. D. Smyth.

Master Fred Chubb presided and the programme was as follows: M. Cook, A. R. Reay and Misses M. Johnston, L. Johnston, C. Alexander, Maud and Gerrie Smyth and M. Dickson.

Farm instructor Todd at the Indian school finds that even the untutored red man has his pranks at times. On Friday last two or three of the larger boys at the school refused to obey orders and threatened to try on J. L. Sullivan's frock. The result was the chief of police was called and they were taken to the goal in handcuffs to settle down and "reconcile man to his lot."

We have within the last two weeks mailed accounts totaling over \$5,000. We want the money to make contemplated improvements in the office, and will consider it a special favor if all interested will remit at once. None of the accounts are over \$10, and all owing can much easier remit their amounts than we can lie out of the total.

The Rev. W. E. Christmas, of London, England, will open up revival services in the opera hall, Brandon, on Sunday, April 26th and continue all week, afternoons and evenings. The services are on prophecy in connection with Christ's second coming and Bible teaching services as follows: Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 8, evening at 8:30. Bring along your sick. Admission free, collection.

Last fall Mr. Geo. Russell, a farmer, from Little River, Victoria, Australia, spent a few days in this city and was entertained by Messrs. Augur and McBride of the Massey-Harris Company. The other day Mr. Augur received from Mr. Russell a quantity of seeds for hedges and samples of seed wheat. Mr. Augur forwarded the samples to Mr. S. A. Bedford, of the experimental farm, Brandon, where the Australian seeds will be given a fair trial. —North-West.

The Mail, Revelstoke, says: "A large number of people from Manitoba and the Territories have arrived in town during the week, most of whom are bound for South Kootenay points. The great majority of those now coming in are in search of employment, and probably are possessed of but little capital. Work in this country just now is not over plentiful or over remunerative either and it would be well for those intending to come here in search of it to hear this fact in mind."

At a meeting of the directors of the summer fair held last week, it was decided to hold the fair this year on the week immediately following the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition. Committees were struck to look after the different interests of the fair and also to secure attractions for the same. The directors hope to equal, if not surpass, the 1895 show, which was very successful.

Miss Phair, sister of Mrs. Rolston, reached the city on Sunday last.

The officers of Wheat City Lodge K. of P. went to Wawanesa last night to institute a new lodge there.

Mr. S. Hanna, of Griswold, and Squire Sowden and Robert Hastings, of Souris, were in the city this week.

The Brandon Agricultural society held a meeting Thursday evening, at which it was decided to leave nothing undone to make the coming fair the best ever held in the west.

Messrs. Ellis and Belson, of Grenfell, the agent of the inventor of Polo, were in the city last week instructing the local club. Our townspeople promise to put forward a strong club.

Detective Foster went to Minnedosa on Tuesday week and returned on Marshall McMullen, a farmer near that town for setting fire to his buildings to secure the insurance. He was brought before the magistrate and sent up for trial at the next assizes, being let out \$2,500 bail.

The Brandon Amateur Operatic Society intend on the evening of the 24th of May to present the opera, "The Spectre Knight," also the laughable farce, "A Turn Out." The following are those who will take the leading parts: Viola, Mrs. Douglas; 1st and 2nd ladies, Mrs. Macfarlane and Miss Lee; the Spectre Knight, Dr. Melmus; "Chamberlain," S. B. Lowe; "The Duke," R. D. Matheson; Conductor, F. J. Clarke.

While Neil Burton, if only an amateur or a local man, would be called a fair reader, as a professional he has many superiors. His appearance and facial expression are good, but his voice might be improved on. The singing of the local men was particularly admired at the entertainment on Monday night, but especially the comic solo of Mr. W. W. Carruthers, whose voice is generally regarded as one of the best in the province.

Some local papers for the want of ability to discriminate between the exciting and the unexciting have the habit of puffing up every show or exhibition, even to burnt cork "entertainments" that come along. Among the number of such papers is the Brandon Times. You will always see it credited with a "glowing" tribute of the excellence of every combination that exhibits here. This is a great injustice to worthy companies and a wrong to the public, as it keeps alive at the expense of the public many a concern that if treated to its deserts would have to disband and buck wood for a living.

A man in Virton saw an article marked ten cents cheaper in Eaton & Co's catalogue than it was offered for in Virton, and he sent his money to Toronto. The article came in due time with 60 cents express charges leaving him out 50 cents. We suppose it is principally the case in all respectable stores of the province; but we know it is an absolute fact of every description are sold as cheap in Brandon today as they are in Toronto with freight added, and in light goods and most lines of groceries they are actually as cheap as they are in the stores of that city. The man who sends outside for anything that can be procured in this country is sure to be a loser when he considers freight charges.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

The Sons of England, this city, celebrated St. George's day on Tuesday evening by a supper and an evening's amusement at Mrs. Stripp's. After the supper was over President H. James took the chair and the following interesting programme was executed: "The Queen," God save the Queen, and a song from Mr. Brayfield. Our Mother Land, The Red, White and Blue, and a speech from J. Gilles. The Land we live in, speeches from Bartlett and Brayfield and a song from F. Baker. The day we celebrate, speech by J. Gilles and a song from H. Robey. Sherrin a recitation. Kindred benevolent societies, speech from Harrison, of Winnipeg, mouth organ solo, "Dr." Johnston. Hamel, a song. The ladies. Speeches from Bartlett, Patmore and Sandbrook. The bachelors, speeches from Priestly and Hetherington. The Press, speeches by C. Little and Harrison. Farming interests, speech by C. Filling. At 10 o'clock the interesting proceedings, which we regret we have not room to report more fully were brought to a close.

A New Hamburg Citizen Released from Four Months' Imprisonment.

Mr. John Kock, hotel keeper, New Hamburg, Ontario: "I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism. The last attack commenced last October, and kept me in the house four months, when two bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure completely cured me. Had I secured the remedy when I first contracted rheumatism it would have saved me months of pain and sufferings."

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CHINA.

The N. P. Ry. are again on top trying to obtain a bonus from the Municipality for their extension from Portage la Prairie to Hapfeld over the old government survey.

The people have evidently forgotten the famous Ryan-Haney deal, as they seem anxious to repeat Mr. Greenway's wonderful financial victory on that occasion, but when they come to pay the bonus they may find the case on the other foot as the Province then did. However, we have a few sensible men here who have some sense to say in the matter before the bonus is granted. It seems a trifle fishy to ask us for a bonus when the proposed line will be farther from us than the C. P. R. meeting of the foot-ball club was held at Mr. Brodin's last Thursday, but as it was not well attended those present did not care to go on with the business further and adjourned it. We regret to learn that its financial standing is not at all sound. —Mr. John Coulter has permanently settled on his new farm. Miss Bridgman lately of Ontario has been engaged as school teacher here. —Mr. Geo. Moffatt took a run to Winnipeg on Thursday. —Mr. John Thomas has rented his farm near Austin at a good figure. —Dane rumor has it that cards are out for Mr. G. H. Moore's residence. It is earnestly to be hoped that the resuscitated petition for a post office may not fall through. —Mr. Brodin, P. R. I. R. I. building on his farm immediately. —The Messrs. Carnoll have left India. —When a teacher or says a buggy it looks as if he meant business. —Pig tail.

THE WORLD'S DEBT TO CONGRESSIONALISM.

This Church Gave to the World a Beecher—Hear Also what the Rev. S. Nicholls, a Prominent Toronto Congregational Minister, Has to Say on an Important Subject.

Henry Ward Beecher believed man's religious faith was colored largely by the condition of health. He had said from the pulpit that no man could hold right views on religion when his stomach is out of order. It is quite certain that no preacher can preach with effect if his head is stuffed up with cold, or if he is a sufferer from catarrh. It is not surprising, therefore, that we find the leading clergymen of Canada speaking on highly of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder for cold in the head or catarrh. They know the necessity better than anyone else of being relieved of this trouble. Rev. S. Nicholls, of Olivet Congregational church, Toronto, is one who has used this medicine, and over his own signature is a home testimony to its beneficial character.

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